



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2320

An act to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes

*As cleared by the Congress on March 16, 2006,
and signed by the President on March 20, 2006*

SUMMARY

S. 2320, enacted as Public Law 109-204, amends section 9001 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 by making \$1.0 billion appropriated for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) available in 2006 rather than 2007. CBO estimates that S. 2320 will increase direct spending by \$750 million in 2006, but have no net budgetary effect over the 2006-2009 period. The act will not affect federal revenues.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2320, is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

Under the March 2006 baseline, CBO expected that the entire \$1.0 billion in LIHEAP funding originally appropriated for 2007 would have been obligated in that year and spent over a three-year period, with outlays of \$750 million in 2007, \$230 million in 2008, and \$20 million in 2009. S. 2320 will accelerate the spending of these same amounts to the 2006-2008 period.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING						
Spending Under Prior Law						
Budget Authority	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	750	230	20	0	0
Changes						
Budget Authority	1,000	-1,000	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	750	-520	-210	-20	0	0
Spending Under S. 2320						
Budget Authority	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	750	230	20	0	0	0

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